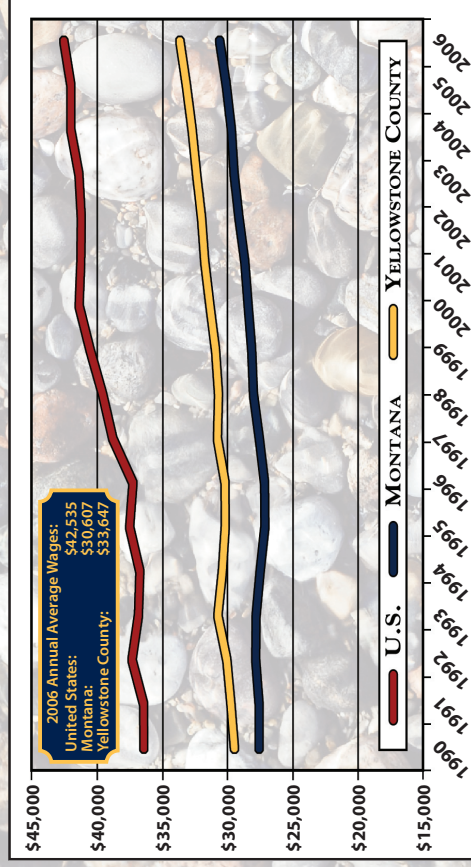


## Annual Average Labor Force - Yellowstone County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	79,488	77,414	2,074	2.6%
2005	78,091	75,642	2,449	3.1%
2004	76,160	73,587	2,573	3.4%
2003	74,818	72,228	2,590	3.5%
2002	74,395	71,698	2,697	3.6%
2001	72,266	69,663	2,603	3.6%
2000	71,487	68,572	2,915	4.1%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

## Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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# Demographic & Economic Information for Yellowstone County



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## YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Yellowstone County is Montana's most populous county, with an estimated 138,213 residents in 2006. Billings, the county seat, is the state's largest city, with a population estimated at 100,146 as of July 1, 2006.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Yellowstone County include: Acton, Ballantine, Broadview, Custer, Huntley, Laurel, Pompey's Pillar, Shepard, and Worden.

Billings, the largest city in a 500 mile radius, serves as a commercial and transportation hub for the state, as well as a major center for education and medical services. Billings benefits from having a diversified economy, where oil and gas, health care, livestock, and banking play significant roles. The city boasts three colleges (MSU-Billings, MSU-B College of Technology, and Rocky Mountain College), two major hospitals, two oil refineries, and an international airport.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

## Resources for Yellowstone County

### Chambers of Commerce

**Billings Chamber**  
815 S. 27th, Billings, MT 59107-1177  
(406) 245-4111, [www.billingschamber.com](http://www.billingschamber.com)

**Laurel Chamber**  
108 E. Main, Laurel, MT 59044  
(406) 628-8105, [www.laurelmontana.org](http://www.laurelmontana.org)

### Economic Development

**Beartooth RC&D**  
P.O. Box 180, 604 West Front St.  
Joliet, MT 59041, (406) 962-3914  
Fax: (406) 962-3647, [www.beartooth.org/](http://www.beartooth.org/)

**Big Sky Economic Development Corporation**  
222 N. 32nd St., Suite 200  
Billings, MT 59101, (406) 256-6871  
[www.bigskyeconomic.org/](http://www.bigskyeconomic.org/)

**Montana Business Incubator**  
100 Poly Dr., Suite 150, Billings, MT 59101  
(406) 657-2138, [www.mtbiz.org/](http://www.mtbiz.org/)

**Regional Development Office**  
Montana Department of Commerce  
Billings, MT 59102, (406) 655-1696  
E-mail: [aljonessrdo@bresnan.net](mailto:aljonessrdo@bresnan.net)

### Newspapers

**Big Sky Business Journal**  
P.O. Box 3262, Billings, MT 59103  
(406) 259-2309  
E-mail: [press@bigskybusiness.com](mailto:press@bigskybusiness.com)

**Billings Gazette**  
P.O. Box 36300, Billings, MT 59107-6300  
(406) 657-1200 or (800) 543-2505  
[www.billingsgazette.com](http://www.billingsgazette.com)

**The Billings Outpost**  
1833 Grand Ave., Billings, MT 59102  
(406) 248-1616, [www.billingsnews.com](http://www.billingsnews.com)

**Yellowstone County News**  
748 Railroad Hwy  
Huntley, MT 59037  
(406) 348-2649  
E-mail: [ycnmont@nemotel.net](mailto:ycnmont@nemotel.net)

**Laurel Outlook**  
415 E. Main, P.O. Box 278  
Laurel, MT 59044  
(406) 628-4412 or (800) 295-4412  
[www.laureloutlook.com](http://www.laureloutlook.com)

### Job Service Workforce Center

2121 Rosebud Dr., Stop B,  
Billings, MT 59102-6274  
(406) 652-3080, [wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/billings/](http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/billings/)

## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Nonstore retailers	16	118	\$32,549
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	204	3,001	\$33,336
Air transportation	9	311	\$36,195
Truck transportation	119	1,217	\$37,080
Transit and ground passenger transport	9	290	\$18,924
Pipeline transportation	5	48	\$80,727
Support activities for transportation	40	481	\$30,167
Couriers and messengers	18	632	\$30,298
Warehousing and storage	4	23	\$29,501
INFORMATION	93	1,307	\$38,689
Publishing industries, except Internet	19	362	\$37,380
Motion picture, sound recording industry	11	108	\$20,543
Broadcasting, except Internet	13	285	\$39,436
Telecommunications	34	509	\$43,630
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	17	43	\$31,989
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	314	2,956	\$49,411
Credit intermediation & related activity	99	1,733	\$44,787
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	66	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	148	840	\$44,530
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	2	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	260	1,222	\$28,259
Real estate	204	633	\$26,352
Rental and leasing services	47	472	\$24,639
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	9	117	\$53,133
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	561	4,021	\$42,664
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	17	156	\$57,167
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	291	5,052	\$19,293
Administrative and support services	275	4,889	\$18,693
Waste management and remediation service	16	163	\$37,270
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	44	544	\$23,329
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	449	10,905	\$42,071
Ambulatory health care services	271	2,193	\$52,300
Hospitals	4	4,996	\$53,750
Nursing and residential care facilities	35	2,202	\$22,701
Social assistance	139	1,514	\$16,896
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	143	1,808	\$14,663
Performing arts and spectator sports	24	198	\$19,997
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	7	66	\$18,883
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	112	1,544	\$13,799
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	362	7,450	\$12,490
Accommodation	51	1,075	\$14,669
Food services and drinking places	311	6,374	\$12,122
OTHER SERVICES	505	3,018	\$21,931
Repair and maintenance	187	1,048	\$31,763
Personal and laundry services	95	639	\$18,217
Membership associations & organizations	173	1,254	\$16,136
Private households	51	77	\$13,253
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	101	8,300	\$41,487
Local Government	31	5,028	\$35,602
State Government	16	1,434	\$36,432
Federal Government	54	1,839	\$61,522

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	5443	73,958	\$33,647
TOTAL PRIVATE	5343	65,658	\$32,656
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	38	283	\$22,490
Crop production	9	42	\$25,213
Animal production	19	185	\$18,893
Agriculture & forestry support	10	57	\$32,192
MINING	49	332	\$89,072
Oil and gas extraction	17	117	\$121,106
Mining, except oil and gas	4	19	\$37,201
Support activities for mining	29	197	\$75,056
UTILITIES	16	358	\$66,090
CONSTRUCTION	715	4,814	\$38,361
Construction of buildings	220	1,101	\$38,339
Heavy and civil engineering construction	60	1,295	\$46,542
Specialty trade contractors	434	2,418	\$33,990
MANUFACTURING	186	3,474	\$47,508
Food manufacturing	27	630	\$32,552
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	4	107	\$36,433
Textile product mills	4	40	\$23,509
Apparel manufacturing	3	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	2	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	7	104	\$26,885
Paper manufacturing	1	*	*
Printing and related support activities	19	321	\$27,774
Petroleum & coal products manufacturing	5	866	\$84,771
Chemical manufacturing	7	107	\$48,532
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	3	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	14	92	\$30,296
Primary metal manufacturing	2	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	26	427	\$42,115
Machinery manufacturing	10	213	\$46,071
Computer and electronic product mfg	3	14	\$26,476
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	18	116	\$25,626
Miscellaneous manufacturing	29	244	\$36,173
WHOLESALE TRADE	428	5,065	\$44,530
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	252	3,152	\$44,401
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	107	1,661	\$44,403
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	69	252	\$46,982
RETAIL TRADE	669	9,889	\$24,547
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	117	1,696	\$37,576
Furniture and home furnishings stores	46	413	\$29,477
Electronics and appliance stores	36	346	\$23,772
Building material & garden supply stores	67	964	\$28,810
Food and beverage stores	46	1,019	\$22,055
Health and personal care stores	37	261	\$24,904
Gasoline stations	51	574	\$17,293
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	75	763	\$13,895
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	53	627	\$17,614
General merchandise stores	22	2,313	\$21,484
Miscellaneous store retailers	104	796	\$21,082

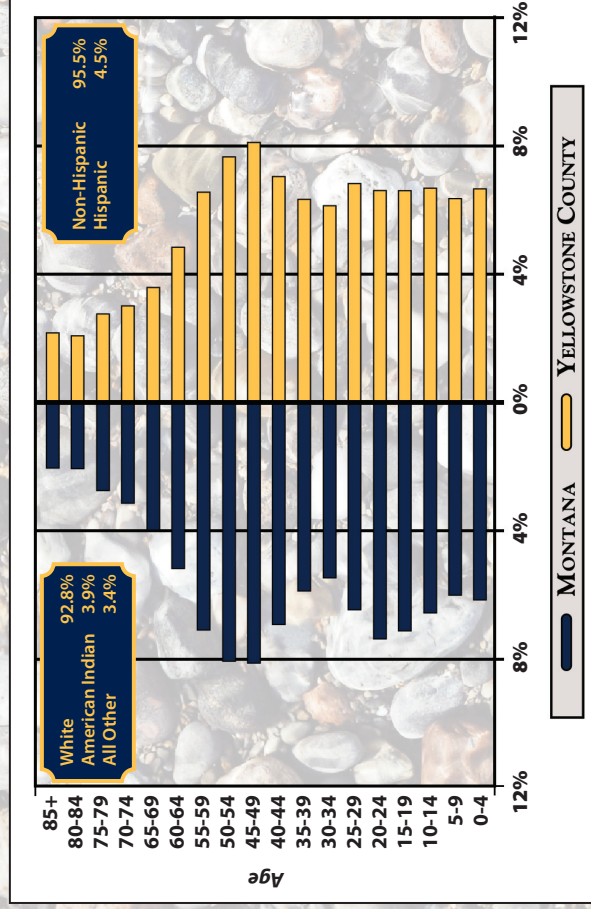
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)  
\* Data Not Disclosable

## Population for Yellowstone County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census April 1, 2000
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	
Yellowstone County	6.9%	138,213	136,586	134,806	133,265	131,898	130,572	129,570	129,352
Billings city	11.5%	100,148	98,666	97,041	95,434	94,055	92,801	91,889	89,847
Broadview town	0.0%	150	150	149	150	150	150	150	150
Laurel city	2.7%	6,421	6,337	6,343	6,330	6,313	6,295	6,262	6,255
Balance of Yellowstone Cty	-4.9%	31,494	31,433	31,273	31,351	31,380	31,326	31,269	33,100

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

## Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Yellowstone County, 2006



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

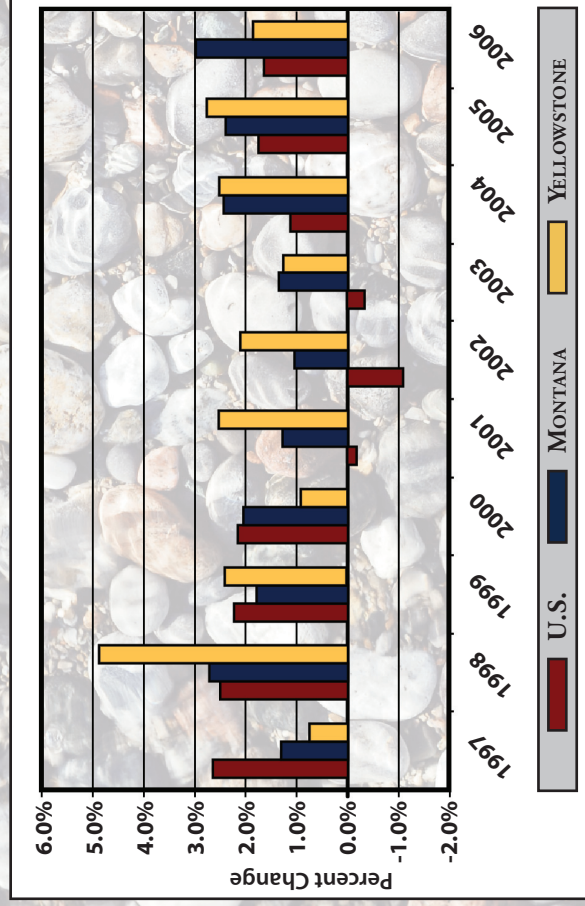
## Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Yellowstone County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	11.5%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	31.0%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.5%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.5%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	19.1%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.5%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	2.1%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000



## Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Yellowstone County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Top 20 Private Employers in Yellowstone County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertsons Food & Drug	8	Rocky Mountain College	7
Better Business Systems	9	St. John's Lutheran Home	7
Billings Gazette	7	St. Vincent Healthcare	9
Cenex	7	Sysco Food Services	7
Computer Claims Administration	7	Target	7
ConocoPhillips	7	Turner Industries Group	7
Deaconess Billings Clinic	9	United Parcel Service	6
ExxonMobil	7	Wal-Mart	8
First Interstate Bank	8	Wells Fargo	8
Food Services of America	7	Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch	7

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

## Agricultural Statistics - Yellowstone County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	1,279
Land in farms (acres)	1,568,637
Average size of farms (acres)	1,226
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	1,042
1,000 acres or more	237
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	1,123
\$100,000 or more	156
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,165
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	114

## Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	127,980
Hogs and pigs	3,455
Sheep and lambs	4,588
Horses and ponies	4,102
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	1,212
Corn for silage or greenchop	13,176
Wheat for grain, All	69,211
Winter wheat for grain	50,264
Durum wheat for grain	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	(D)
Barley for grain	20,397
Oats for grain	439
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	50,116

## Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	643
Other	636
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	1,036
Not on farm operated	243
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	397
10 years or more	882
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	700
55 years and over	579
Average age of operators: (number)	54

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002  
(D) - Not Disclosable